

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment side opposite to the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends; and

a substantially planar-shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the main sheet body so that a substantial center area of the main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a first finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the interlabial pad further comprises a mini-sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, facing the garment side, a second finger insertion opening being formed between the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends, and

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body at a respective one of the opposite ends, and

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at each of the longitudinal side edges.

Claims 2-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area is at least 1 cm².

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area continuously decreases as the area is taken from one end to the other end along the longitudinal direction.

Claims 11-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A wrapping body comprising:
a wrapping container containing an interlabial pad,
the interlabial pad comprising:

 a main sheet body comprising:

 a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment side opposite to the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet ~~being bonded to each other~~ enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid; and

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends; and

a substantially planar-shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet ~~being bonded to each other~~ enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the main sheet body so that a substantial center area of the main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a first finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the interlabial pad further comprises a mini-sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, facing the garment side, a second finger insertion opening being formed between the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body

being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges, and

wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claims 15-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 20 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have a composition including at least one of a natural fiber or a chemical fiber,

wherein the at least one natural fiber or chemical fiber has a fiber length of 2 to 51 mm, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 21 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have a composition including at least one of rayon or wood pulp,

wherein the at least one of rayon or wood pulp has a fiber length of 2 to 51 mm, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 22 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have a composition including at least one of a natural fiber or a chemical fiber, and

wherein the at least one natural fiber or chemical fiber has a fiber length of 2 to 10 mm.

Claim 23 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each have a composition including at least one of rayon or wood pulp, and

wherein the at least one of rayon or wood pulp has a fiber length of 2 to 10 mm.

Claim 24 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet piece each include at least one water permeable material in which a plurality of pores are provided.

Claim 25 (New): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet body each include at least one of a water soluble bond, a water expandable bond, a heat seal or a hydrogen bond, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body and the mini-sheet body each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 26 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 27 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have a composition including at least one of a natural fiber or a chemical fiber,

wherein the at least one natural fiber or chemical fiber has a fiber length of 2 to 51 mm, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 28 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have a composition including at least one of rayon or wood pulp,

wherein the at least one of rayon or wood pulp has a fiber length of 2 to 51 mm, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.

Claim 29 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have a composition including at least one of a natural fiber or a chemical fiber, and

wherein the at least one natural fiber or chemical fiber has a fiber length of 2 to 10 mm.

Claim 30 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each have a composition including at least one of rayon or wood pulp, and

wherein the at least one of rayon or wood pulp has a fiber length of 2 to 10 mm.

Claim 31 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet piece and the wrapping container each include at least one water permeable material in which a plurality of pores are provided.

Claim 32 (New): The wrapping body of claim 14, wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet body and the wrapping container each include at least one of a water soluble bond, a water expandable bond, a heat seal or a hydrogen bond, and

wherein the main sheet body, the sub-sheet body, the mini-sheet body and the wrapping container each have at least one of the properties of being biodegradable, water dispersible or water soluble.